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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I believe that the antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft has gone too far. I feel that it has been fueled by political motives and personal avarice since its conception three years ago. It is not my belief that Microsoft was guilty of antitrust violations in the first place, and finally I believe that the settlement that has been reached in this case must be accepted for the simple reason that it is the quickest way to end this case.

This settlement will require Microsoft to design all future versions of Windows to be compatible with the products of its competitors. While I believe that this is a bit harsh I would like to urge you to accept this settlement. Microsoft has agreed to the terms because it understands the importance of ending this litigation--not just for its own sake, but for the sake of the U.S. economy as well as the technology industry.

Thank you for the work that you have done in this case and for your support of this settlement.

Sincerely,



Sandra Drake

P.S. The U.S. should be very proud of our government officials. Integrity in Government, what a concept.

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